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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/643,619	Applicant(s) ARGUMEDO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities and appropriate correction is required.

The following phrase(s) lack clear antecedent basis within the claim(s), i.e., either the particularly recited passage fails to be properly introduced prior to its appearance at that point in the claim or the structure recited in the passage is not an inherent part of or component of the previously recited structure. The lack of antecedence as noted *infra*, is merely formal, since the claims can be understood in light of the instant specification and drawings; the antecedence informalities delineated below do not rise to the level of a rejection under 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph:

- (i) Claim 11 (line 5), "said memory device."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iino (US 6,817,563 B2) in view of McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1).

As per claims 1, 11 and 18, lino (US 6,817,563 B2) discloses a magnetic-tape cartridge (10), and a method for transmitting data between a memory device in a magnetic-tape cartridge and an external reading device, comprising: a cartridge case (12, 14) having orthogonal walls in parallelepiped configuration and a slanted wall (22) between two of the orthogonal walls (12A, 14A); and a memory device (24) capable of communication through a magnetic field (e.g., an electromagnetic field - see COL. 3, lines 11-16) propagated from the slanted wall along a plurality of transmission axes (axes along devices (62, 64)).

As per claims 2, 13 and 20, wherein said memory board is positioned at about 45 degrees with respect to said two of the orthogonal walls of the case. See, e.g., COL. 4, line 7.

As per claims 3, 4, 14 and 21, wherein said slanted wall (22) connects a rear wall and a bottom wall of the case (14). See FIG. 1.

As per claims 5, 6, 15 and 22, wherein said memory board (24) is adjacent to an interior surface of the slanted wall (22) - FIG. 1.

As per claims 7, 8, 16 and 23, wherein said memory board (24) is adjacent to an exterior surface of the slanted wall (22).

As per claims 9 and 10, wherein said slanted wall (22) connects a rear wall and a side wall of the case (10) - FIG. 1

Additionally, as per claim 11, lino (US 6,817,563 B2) further discloses a system for communicating with a memory chip (24) in a magnetic-tape cartridge, comprising: a case (10) for said cartridge having orthogonal walls (12A, 14A) in parallelepiped configuration and a slanted wall (22) between two of the orthogonal walls (12A, 14A); a memory chip (24) connected to said memory device and capable of communication through a magnetic field

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propagated from the slanted wall; and a reading element connected to an external reading device in magnetic-field communication with the chip.

As per claims 12 and 19, wherein said reading element (62/64) in operation is positioned within a space demarcated by a corner defined by an intersection between planes extending from said two of the orthogonal walls (12A, 14A) (e.g., a top wall and a side front wall).

With regard to claims 1, 11 and 18, however, Iino (US 6,817,563 B2) remains silent with respect to wherein the memory board (24) includes an antenna for providing the electromagnetic information coupling.

Such antennas provided expressly within tape cartridges of the type disclosed by Iino (US 6,817,563 B2), for electromagnetic coupling between a memory chip on a memory board are notoriously old and well known and ubiquitous in the art; such fact being capable of instant and unquestionable demonstration as being well-known.

As just a example, McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1) discloses an analogous tape cartridge and memory board in the same field as the Applicants' endeavor. More concretely, McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1) discloses a system and method provide information from a tape cartridge in two axes of the tape cartridge. A memory device is attached to the tape cartridge. At least one data transmitting antenna is provided in communication with the memory device. The data transmitting antenna is mounted to the tape cartridge at an angle to effectively transmit data to two axes of the tape cartridge. The data is transmitted using magnetic fields. Power is supplied to the memory device and the data transmitting antenna using magnetic fields.

Given the disclosure of the general knowledge of one having ordinary skill in the art as exemplified by McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1) and/or, it would have been obvious to one of

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ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the memory board (24) of lino (US 6,817,563 B2) with a conventional antenna, as disclosed by McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1).

The rationale is as follows: one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to provide the memory board (24) of lino (US 6,817,563 B2) with a conventional antenna, as disclosed by McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1) in order to provide information exchange and/or power in a non-contact manner to the memory board within the cartridge of lino (US 6,817,563 B2), as is known, as suggested and exemplified by McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1).

As per claim 17, although lino (US 6,817,563 B2) in combination with McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1), does not expressly disclose a protective coating over the chip antenna, Official notice is taken that protective coatings over memory chip antennae are notoriously old and well known and ubiquitous in the art; such Officially noticed fact being capable of instant and unquestionable demonstration as being well-known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a conventional protective film over the antenna of McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1), as applied to lino (US 6,817,563 B2), as is known in the art.

The rationale is as follows: one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to a conventional protective film over the antenna of McAllister et al. 6,04,416 B1), as applied to lino (US 6,817,563 B2), as is known in the art. In order to protect the antenna from damage, as is well known, established and appreciated in the art.

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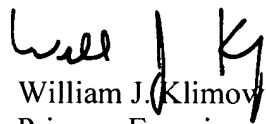
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (571) 272-7577. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30AM-5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Thi Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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